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NEWS AND VIEWS

AUGUST BACKPACKING & CAMPING TRIP

This August 15-18 your editor will be guiding a backpacking trip up to the Lake of the Clouds (series of three lakes) nestled in the Spread Eagle Peak area of the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The more hearty members of the group who wish, will also day pack through some timberline buck country over to the Cotton Lake area on the northwest side of Spread Eagle Peak.

I intend to limit this outing to a party of 15 campers with the minumum age being 14. Three veteran campers have already verbally committed themselves for this trip: Jim Russ from Colorado Springs, who is enrolled at Colorado School of Mines in Golden, and Phillip and Linda Kennedy from Salt Lake City who are well known in that area as talented figure skaters. Phillip graduated from high school May 26 and Linda is going into her senior year.

Campers are expected to have their own rosary, fishing gear, backpacks, sleeping bags, foam rubber pad, compact day pack, eating utensils, cup & bowl, plastic bottle or canteen, warm jacket, stocking cap and clothing. Some fishing poles, backpacks and sleeping bags will probably be available to rent in Westcliffe. Father will provide the food and tents.

Cost: $30 donation suggested. In cases of undue hardship special arrangements can be made to assist campers in covering this expense.

Deadline for registration is August 1st accompanied with a $10 non-refundable deposit.

Masses in Westcliffe on Sunday, August 14th and the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th, will be at 10:00 AM.

I can provide transportation to Westcliffe from the Pueblo or Colorado Springs airport or bus terminals for 4-5 campers that Sunday afternoon and back again from Westcliffe on Sunday afternoon, August 21st. Sunday Mass in Westcliffe on August 21st will be at 9 AM.

Campers are expected to be in Westcliffe by 6:00 PM on Sunday, August 14th, and may camp free in my yard or stay in a local motel for about $20. The same is available for Saturday, August 20th. We will leave Westcliffe for the mountains after Mass and breakfast Monday morning.

Friday and Saturday, August 19-20, we will make a 3 mile hike into the famous Spanish Caves area on Marble Mountain 20 miles south of Westcliffe. Old time miner, explorer and mountain man, Bob Leasure, will be on hand to guide us and fill us in with some fascinating history and stories of the area.

A three family picnic at Alvarado Campground west of Westcliffe last summer. The mothers grab a bite to eat while the children are out running around.

This limit of cutthroat trout was taken in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains last summer.

Rev. Craig Lewis and his son Chris visit with old time miner, explorer and mountain man, Bob Leasure.

AN OPEN LETTER TO CATHOLICS

by Teresa L. Benns

Much has been said and written concerning the new Code of Canon Law recently signed into effect by John Paul II. It will be critiqued, debated, revised, reinterpreted, and even rejected by some in the coming months. Many believe it will further aid the course of "peaceful co-existence" with other religions the Catholic Church has chosen to pursue since Vatican Council II.

If today's Catholics would only study the Catechism of Trent, Catholic dogma and practice, the papal bulls and encyclicals, and the 1917 Code of Canon Law (which is still valid), they would soon realize that the Deposit of Faith represented in these documents has been shamelessly compromised in the name of "aggiornamento". Pope St. Pius X's encyclical on Modernism would soon give the lie to the Church which now calls itself Catholic. The dogmas and basic Catholic beliefs held dear for 19 centuries and taught as irrefutable since the Ascension of Our Lord would stand boldly against the discrepancies, vageries, inconsistencies and absurdities of modern day "Catholic" doctrine. Heresy would be laid bare and recognized for what it truly is - any doctrine contrary to that taught by the Church since the Ascension, or defined or reaffirmed in subsequent valid Church councils or papal encyclicals. The 1917 Code of Canon Law (Canons 188 *4, and 2314 *1) gives Catholics the right to remove popes recognized as guilty of overt heresy, and to replace them with a pope faithful to Tradition. These canons (a reiteration of "Cum ex Apostolatus Officio", written in 1559 by Pope Paul IV and later reaffirmed at the Council of Trent by Pope St. Pius V) give testimony to the outrage of heresy, an outrage so great that popes may be deposed by the faithful, and they and all that they do may be declared null and void. It is conveniently forgotten by those heading the "Catholic Church" these days that there have been as many as 18 anti-popes in the history of the Church, and that many of these have been recognized during their reign and duly deposed by Church councils.

But modern opinion and modern-day theologions and canon lawyers deny this, you say. Well, yes; and well they may. But they are heretics and they and their ilk have always been anathematized by the Church. The Deposit of Faith has remained firm until now, affording the Church Her unchangeable nature. Unchanging means just that - no change is possible. An attempt to update the Tridentine Latin Mass was made by Cranmer during the Protestant Reformation - and that "Mass" was condemned at the Council of Trent by Pope St. Pius V. Yet Cranmer's "Mass" is nearly identical to the Novus Ordo "Mass" introduced to replace the Tridentine in Catholic Churches in 1970.

Today's Catholics, by their refusal to study, and therefore to know their Faith, are losing their Church, and are themselves in grave danger of losing their immortal souls. They cling tenaciously to Christ's promise that the gates of Hell shall never prevail against His Church, yet ignore His warnings concerning false shepherds and those who would sow cockle among the wheat. Can anything be "unchangeable", and accepted by millions for centuries, then suddenly "updated", "improved", or "renovated"? Can one improve on Christ Himself, the all-perfect Son of God the Father? It would seem so. For the Mystical Body of Christ IS the Roman Catholic Church!

Christ once said: "He who is not with Me is against Me." We were confirmed soldiers of Christ in Confirmation, yet we fail to fight for Christ and our Church in this intense battle waged by Satan for final supremacy. Christ is being mystically recrucified today through His Church. We have all deserted Him in our cowardice and ignorance. His sorrowful words, uttered in the Garden of Gethsemane, echo down to us through the centuries: "Cannot you watch even one hour with Me?"

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Areas of the Colorado high country has snow year around. This photo was taken in the San Juan Mountains.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blakes, Virginia 23020
Sunday, April 10, 1983

Dear Father Daniel:

There is hardly any question but that you will receive this letter in the same mail pouch as the one I wrote yesterday but as I awoke this rainy morning, one of the many we have had lately, Saint Therese said that she wanted to have me tell you a few things she felt you should know and the reason, too.

First, she will not allow me to attend any Mass or religious service in the church, even though the Catholic Church here is named "The Church of the Little Flower". She was a Titan-haired beauty when she was here on earth and had to control a very strong temper until she learned 'the little way'. She says that being the patron saint of priests is no easy job, but she is more concerned with those who have left the Church and gone than she is in the ones who remained and accepted the new Mass and other changes. It is her hope to reach every priest who has left so she can tell them what she wants them to do for her which is nothing so out of the ordinary that they would not care to help her.

Second, as you may already know, she wrote many lovely little poems some of which she has transmitted to me and asked that I write a couple of them on the back of this page to see if you would want to print them in your newsletter. This is only a few of the thoughts she has had me put on paper and I am enclosing one poem which we had published and which your protestant minister friend might like, too. All these poems and my stories are done by 'automatic writing' and I have very little control over my fingers as I write a personal letter as I am doing now because my hands want to press keys that would be telling their own story rather than mine, thus the many typewritten mistakes...Sincerely,
Harry J. Mead

How many times, today, have you said, "Thank you"
For some kindness shown to you?

How many times, today, have you said, "I love you"
To someone because it's true?

Remember, it takes so little time to do this
In a truly sincere way

That you'll be missing the nicest part of living
If you simply turn away.

It was early one June morning
On a day poets say is rare,
I strolled out to my rose garden
To pick some flowers growing there.
As I stood and looked about me
In the early morning light,
The birds were singing sweetly
And the sun was shining bright:
The grass was covered with sparkling dew
That had fallen in the night.
It was then I felt so humble
For I knew not what to say
As I realized GOD had made me, too
So that I could enjoy this day.

"THE LITTLE FLOWER"
ST. THERESE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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3 April, 1983
Easter Sunday

Dear Father Jones,

My brother, Brian Champlin, received a sample issue of your SANGRE DE CRISTO NEWSNOTES and he has since sent for more. I came home from school this weekend for Easter and I too, have enjoyed reading it.

My family does not believe in the "Novus Ordo" Church. We officially stopped attending their services in April, 1975. I was born the day after Pope Pius XII died, and have only vague memories of the true Mass.

I am writing to you because I wondered if you had any information on the books written by Father Joaquin Saenz Arriaga of Mexico, especially his book entitled THE VACANT CHAIR (I don't know the Spanish title). I noticed the letters you published from someone in Mexico, so I thought you might know something about this. I am interested because I would like to read it, but also for another reason. I am studying for a master's degree in Translation/Interpretation (Spanish/English) at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. Next year for my master's thesis I will have to translate a book from Spanish to English. I've been thinking about what I could do (most people translate technical works because, structurally, they're more straightforward), and was discussing it with my brother. He suggested Fr. Saenz Arriaga's book. I don't know if an English version already exists, but I know if one did my brother, and I'm sure a lot of other people would be interested in reading it; and it is something I would be very interested in translating. I wonder if you could give me any information on this.

I know you receive many letters and that you might not be able to answer right away, but whenever you can I would appreciate it.

Thank you for sending the newsnotes. We don't hear much news so sometimes we feel quite isolated.

God bless you, your family and your work.

I hope you had a very happy and blessed Easter.

Sincerely,
Maria A. Champlin

AVE MARIA!

April 20, 1983

Dear Maria,

It was a joy to hear from you. Thank God, it sounds like your faith and enthusiasm for serving God and His "Remnant Church" is bubbling over. I am just thrilled to hear that you are interested in translating one of Father Joaquin Saenz y Arriaga's books into English. I understand that Father Saenz wrote over 60 books. Of those only 4 chapters of one, THE NEW MONTINI CHURCH, have been translated into English. That was done some time ago by Mr. & Mrs. Corman Diehl, 15626 Pleasant Drive, Allen Park, Michigan 48101. I am having a photo copy of your letter sent to them as well as to Mr. Anacleto Gonzalez Flores, Ricarte 461 Lindavista, 07300 Mexico DF. Mr. Flores, I think, has most of Father Saenz's books and was a very close friend and travelling companion of his. I am also planning on printing your letter in an upcoming issue of the SANGRE DE CRISTO NEWSNOTES.

I am sending you a few copies of some Spanish publications (traditional Catholic) that I have received. I read Spanish just enough to sort of get the gist of what they are about. If you come across any short news items or small articles that you think might deserve to be translated and printed in my newsletter, please do, as your time permits, translate them and mail them to me. If I concur that they are deserving, and as space permits, I will probably then use them.

God bless you, Maria!

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Father Daniel E. Jones

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September 29, 1982

Dear Parishioner:

This is to announce that on this coming Sunday, October 3, 1982, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9:00 A.M., as usual, by myself, Father Altenbach.

As your pastor I have the serious responsibility to help you in the present confusion in our parish by disclosing some pertinent facts relating to this unfortunate situation. It is my desire that you be knowledgeable and be made fully aware of the incidents that have taken place here. You must not be deceived by those who would rob you both spiritually and materially. Why do I say this? Because the matter involves the offering of the Holy Sacrifice and your very salvation. For this reason I am enclosing information which you will find to be of value and of utmost importance, in order to safeguard the sacred interests which have been entrusted to us.

There are those in our St. Pius V group who spread false information, namely, that an opinion on the vacancy of the Apostolic See of Peter causes one to be in schism or heresy. This is an untruth.

Every traditional Catholic is free to hold a "yes" or "no" opinion on the person occupying St. Peter's Chair. Tradition is a higher authority than that of any pope. It is NOT A DOGMA of our Church that we MUST hold that the person occupying St. Peter's Chair actually is a true pope. That depends on how well he holds to Tradition. Only those who hold to the entire Deposit of Sacred Tradition are true Catholics. The Sacred Tradition was broken by the hierarchy after Pope Pius XII died. What happened after that is an open book to every sincere, intelligent and observing traditional Catholic.

Let me emphasize that Tradition is above human opinion or judgement, be it of a pope, bishop, priest or layman. In summary and for the sake of clearness let me say that the destruction over which these recent popes have presided is clearly a papal act of self-accusation and of self-deposement.

The question then is: who is in heresy or in schism - the Novus Ordo Church or the true Apostolic Traditional Catholic Church? I know that your intelligence and common sense, a prayer for your salvation and some serious thinking will guide you to the right answer.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. C. A. Altenbach, Pastor
signed

NEVER BE DISCOURAGED

There is really nothing we need know
Or even try to understand
If we refuse to be discouraged
And trust God's guiding hand...
So take heart and meet each minute
With faith in God's great love,
Aware that every day of life
Is controlled by God above...
And never dread tomorrow
Or what the future brings
Just pray for strength and courage
And trust God in all things...
And never grow discouraged
Be patient and just wait
For "God never comes too early
And He never comes too late!"

Helen Steiner Rice

Decline of Latin in Catholic church

BERWYN—Mark Sobie's Voice of the People letter on the change from Latin in Catholic churches said much that needed to be said.

Even if we agree that the changes in the Catholic church are for the best—which they obviously aren't—the deceitful manner in which these changes were imposed brings shame upon every bishop and priest who took part in this unholy endeavor.

After creating a climate for change, the clergy advised us they were simply "translating" the Latin into English. Such is far from true.

For centuries, Catholics trusted and looked up to priests for guidance, but when the time for betrayal came, we were thrown like lambs into the slaughter. Those of us who objected and found no merits in the new service were told, "This is the way it is, take it or leave it."

It is difficult to understand why so many priests now look with contempt upon the glorious and true Tridentine Mass which served us so well for so many years. Those of us who attended Catholic schools must now believe that all we learned is bunk.

The charity displayed by the present clergy is reminiscent of that practiced by the Borgias. Many of us who have grown up with a deep appreciation of the Tridentine Mass, a service which allowed us to communicate with our Savior, is now denied us. If the bishops were truly concerned about the salvation of souls, they would provide us who feel no reverence in the new service with our old Latin mass. I suspect the bishops are afraid if the people are given a choice, they will repudiate the new mass.

Marty Serbick

A RAPIST FATHER

by

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Up until 1981, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre was the only hope for traditional Catholics to carry on the apostolic succession in the "remnant" Catholic Church. We can say he was holding a monopoly in this regard. But this monopoly, because of the advanced age of the Archbishop, caused a great deal of anxiety in Catholic minds. Although, the Archbishop - defying the explicit order of Pope Paul VI - secured the true Mass and sacraments for the faithful by ordaining young men for priesthood, but (as we are told) did not consecrate bishops, which would be necessary for conveying the apostolic succession. Worried Catholics often asked the question:

- What would happen to the traditionalist movement if Archbishop Lefebvre should die before he gave us a successor?

The theory of miracle-watchers that "God will interfere" does not satisfy everybody, because Catholic sense tells us that it is wrong to remain idle and wait for miracles when the ordinary means of salvation are given to you which you can use within the great order of God's Providence.

In order to dispel the anxiety of faithful Catholics, in 1981 there came upon the scene another legitimate bishop of the Church, Msgr. Peter Martin Ngo-dinh-Thuc (age 84), the former Archbishop of Hanoi in Vietnam. He consecrated (at least) three traditionalist priests (two Mexicans and a French man) to the bishopric. The natural expectation was, that - upon hearing the news - the whole tradidionalist camp would be glad and feel relieved from anxiety. It did not happen that way.

A part of the traditionalists saw in the event only a challenge to the monopoly of Archbishop Lefebvre, -and reacted accordingly in defense of that monopoly. The members of this faction began to attack the new bishops and their consecrating bishop with all kinds of accusations. The missiles of "senility", "schism", "heresy", "excommunication", etc. were launched against them in a way which borders hysteria. The accusers are usually the same people who always find excuses for ignoring the schism and public heresy of the person who presently occupies the Chair of St. Peter.

A representative of this group is Mr. Walter L. Matt, the editor of The Remnant. In the July 31, 1982 issue of his newspaper he expressed his wish that the Pope would restore order and orthodoxy in the Church. It is like expecting to "cast out devils with the help of Beelzebub, the prince of the devils". (Lk.11,16) - Mr. Matt says: "surely the time for that (for the Pope's action) would be NOW, when the post-conciliar Church is threatening to fall apart at the seams, when dissension and discord and scandals of every description are rampant everywhere, and Modernist-Secularists, if not upright Atheists, dominate the ecclesial household, whilst our bishops generally fail not only to call a stop to all this, but, in all too many instances, give open encouragement and support to the forces of anarchy, dissolution and betrayal."

However, Mr. Matt fails to answer the logical question:

- Who is the one who appoints these Modernist-Secularist-Atheist bishops? Whos is the one who maintains, supports and encourages them to do the work of "anarchy, dissolution and betrayal"? Who is the one who tells the bewildered Catholics: "You should obey your bishops!"?

Mr. Matt calls him HOLY FATHER. "He is in fact our Holy Father, regardless of whether he be, in our private judgement, either good or bad."

In my private judgement this expression "good or bad" is not specific enough. When we are dealing with the struggle between Catholic truths and opposing errors, the question should be:

- Is the Pope Catholic or not?

For an answer let me quote the "Sunday Telegraph" of London, which was also quoted by Michael Davies in The Remnant (July 15, 1982) saying: " It has for a long time been obvious that the Pope is a very good Protestant".

Mr. Matt defends his attachment to this Protestant Pope. By doing this he also leads countless confused people to this wrong attachment. He says: "...even if a person's natural father turns out to be a bully or tyrant, a profligate or a drunk, he is still in God's inscrutable Providence, that person's natural father, and

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therefore cannot be dismissed as non-existent, worse still, be arbitrarily and capriciously deposed or done away with by his sons."

Using this similarity seems to be effective, but only to a certain limit. Mr. Matt fails to comprehend that here we deal with a much more serious matter than the drunkenness of a natural father. How about if a natural father consistently rapes his pre-teen-age daughters? (Don't say, "It never happened.") Will the sons and the law leave such a father in the family? -No. They will remove him and put him behind bars. To do less, would be a crime against the family's welfare.

No doubt, it is a horrible crime when a natrual father destroys the virginity of his young daughters. But I think that no true Catholic would disagree when I say that destroying the faith in a human soul is an inconceivably greater crime than rape in the family. (I don't expect ex-Catholics poisoned by false ecumenism to comprehend this.) And who can say that the concilciar popes, including JP2, did not destroy anybody's faith?

In these circumstances the appearance of traditionalist bishops on the scene should be met, not by hysterical attacks upon them, but with hopeful expectation. Although, the quality of their personality and scholarship might not be of the best stock (were the Apostles chosen from the top of the contemporary society?), they might have human shortcomings (who does not have them?), they might entertain certain degrees of human ambition (like the two sons of Zebedee), but as long as they propose to give us the traditional teachings of the Church, they deserve our support in their fight against those who are out to destroy the Church and her Tradition. - In turn, we expect them to heed St. Paul's warning: "Now here is required in stewards that a man be found trustworthy." (I. Cor.4,2)

Mr. Matt insinuates that those who acknowledge the new traditionalist bishops are "in recessional march from the Barque of Peter". - It is not so. When the sober sons and the law put away a rapist father, they are not marching away from the concept of Catholic family; they are defending the integrity of that family. Even Mr. Michael Daivies has the conviction now that criticizing the Pope, when he deserves it, is not a sin, but a duty of a good Catholic.

If Mr. Matt really loves our Holy Mother Church (I am sure he does), then I give him the same advice that I gave last year to his favorite writer, Mr. Davies. Get rid of the rapist father before he kills more souls in the family.

We cannot depose the Pope, but the Pope can depose himself.

There is already a movement in Europe which has the purpose to put pressure upon JP2 to restore orthodoxy in the Church or resign. The leaders of this movement are planning a massive march to Rome in May 1983 to confront JP2 with their demand. Mr. Matt and Mr. Davies would do the best service to our Holy Mother Church if they would join this movement, make it stronger and effective, and thus clear the way for the election of a truly Catholic Pope. This would be a processional march for the Barque of St. Peter.

Who can say that such a "march" is not included among the ordinary ways of divine Providence? Similar things happened in the past. It can happen again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(In an Oklahoma paper)

April 1, 1982

Oklahoma City, OK

Dear Friend,

Our mutual friend informs me that my remarks the other day regarding the status of the Roman Catholic Church were upsetting and disturbing to you.

I can appreciate the fact that this would be the case. There are any number of persons, perhaps in the millions, who are upset about thecontitions that prevail today within what is recognized as the established church.

As for you personally, I have always had the highest regard for the intelligence of all the members of your family that I have known and it is the intelligent people who are most affected by the radical departure from the traditional truths and facts, effected by Vatican Council II.

The fact that Vatican II converted the Catholic Church into a poor imitation of a Prostestantsect causes great anxiety for some of us as regarding our personal salvation, as well as a keen concern for the salvation of our children. These changes and departures from the Will of Christ also cause anxiety as to the temporal welfare of our children. As an example, the divorce rate among Catholics is all of a sudden rampant. In 1980, in the U.S., 84 annulments were granted. In 1981, one year later, 8,500. Of course, this annulment thing is a farce but indicative of the collapse of the moral structure of the recognized church.

Some of the things that you may or may not know related to these conditions are as follows:

1. Vatican II was not a dogmatic council therefore any and all pronouncements from this council are not binding (as such) unless pronounced previously in a dogmatic council. If the church is to survive, I predict that Vatican II will eventually be declared an invalid and heretical gathering.

2. John Baptist Montini (Paul VI) never attended a seminary. He was privately tutored by Jewish Rabbis. He comes from a Jewish family known as the De Benedictus family.

3. One of the primary schemas or planks of the Vatican II platform was the exoneration of the Jew for the crucifixion of Christ. This is similar to the book burning of Hilter. And I ask you - how could this proposition be a part of Vatican II if the council was not Jewish controlled? Thess. I, Chapter 2, Verse 14-16 - "for you also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews, who

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both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us. And they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost." And consider also, Vatican II being cozy with the Jews, 2 Chronicles 19:2- "--- Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? Wrath is upon you from before the Lord."

4. According to the Talmud - the Jewish civil and religious law - Christianity must be destroyed to avenge the destruction of Jersusalem by the Romans in the year 70 AD. (not a stone left upon a stone) Vatican II is accomplishing this destruction of Christianity.

5. The "activities" within "Catholic" Churches is no longer the Holy Sacrifice. Even the very words of Jesus Christ at the Last Supper have been altered. Check this out with any Bible. (for "all" rather than "many")

6. The fact that the "Pope" and most of the clergy goes along with this is not new or unusual. Even Pope Liberius agreed with the Arian heresy opposing St. Athanasius. Bishop John Fisher and Thomas More stood alone against King Henry VIII. The clergy toddled along with Cranmer -this annulment thing again - Henry VIII. It's good to know Cranmer was eventually burned at the stake for the heresy by the Anglicans.

7. According to Canon Law no. 188, a Bishop as well as a Pope is, ipso facto, excommunicated and automatically vacates his religious position and authority when he preaches, tolerates, allows or promotes anything contrary to the will of Christ. (Heresy)

8. John XXIII, Paul VI, and John Paul II are all heretics, and will someday be so defined, as were the other Anti Popes of history. In fact, Paul VI declared Honorius II, 1073-1085, a Non-Pope or Anti-Pope. This rather ironic considering that Paul VI himself was an enemy of Christianity and the Catholic Church.

9. Benedict (1032-44) (1045) (1047-48) was legitimately elected three times and deposed twice. Anti-Popes is nothing new. Of the 300 Popes, approximately 30 were bad eggs. They were so declared for immoral personal conduct, heresy, or acquiring the job by devious and illegal means. (politics) John XXIII (1410-15) was declared an Anti-Pope. John XXIII (1958-63) selected the same name and number as though John of 1410 had never existed. It will be ironic if once again John XXIII is declared an Anti-Pope - as he should be. I believe it was Honorius II who was dug up, his skeleton placed in the chair of Peter, draped with his robes, court was held and Honorius declared a heretic and an Anti Pope.

From April 1981 issue of EINSICHT

10. We should not be too disturbed because the Chair of Peter is presently vacant, and has been since Pius XII. The chair is always vacant when a pope dies. It has been vacant during the reign of Anti-Popes. On one occassion it took several years for the College of Cardinals to select a new pope.

The Catholic Church is out of business. At the present time the Chair of Peter is vacant. Since Pius XII, the person claiming the chair has not conveyed the Mind of Christ. These men are deceivers, they are frauds, they are Anti Popes, they are part of the Talmudian Conspiracy to destroy Christ and His Church. They are in league with Satan. This is a Judeo-Masonic conspiracy.

Most of the remaining clergy know these things but their inability to make a living causes them to make a faulty decision. In most cases they have lost their faith. They are not to be held entirely responsible. The conspiracy within the hierarchy sold out a group of weak personalities.

Recently I was involved in a lengthy conversation with a local priest who inquired as to my attitudes and activities regarding the Church. I asked him if my views and beliefs were different from what he believed when he was ordained, prior to Vatican II. He agreed the beliefs were the same. He also admitted that since V2 he had changed his belief in many areas. He contended that his present belief was because of his "authority" to his bishop and to the authority of the Pope. I asked him if he was acquainted with the latest papal encyclical on birth control; he said he was. I asked him if, in or out of the confessional, he gave advise contrary to the content of the encyclical. He admitted he did. I asked him, "What about this authority thing; do you pick and choose in the area of authority?"

In closing I am reminded of my conversation with Msgr. Walde, when, in 1969, he came into the sanctuary and performed his activities. After the "service" I asked him what that was all about and he advised me that that was the "New Mass - the New Ordo." I asked him if, when ordained, he took the oath to protect the church against the heresy of Modernism. He said he had. I asked him if that oath had been rescinded or if he personally had been released from that oath. He said, "No" to both questions. I asked him if, in his opinion, his activities within the sanctuary were in violation of that oath. He said, "Yes, I suppose it does violate the oath." I said, "Why do you do this?" He answered, "Obedience."

The Catholic Church or any rational mind does not suggest "Blind Obedience". This flies into the very face of Truth itself. Such teaching would be unjust and irrational. The innovators and destroyers within the Church are using this "obedience" thing as a weapon to destroy the Church. God says "Obey God rather than Man."

"Hold fast to the traditions which you have received whether by word or our epistle." (II Thess. 2:15)

Vatican II which was promoted and controlled by the enemies of Christianity did a great job of destroying the Catholic Church. John Paul II was one of the principal architects of V2. The precepts, beliefs and traditions of the church were diffused, confused, weakened or destroyed. Anytime a philosophy abandons, denies, looses or casts away its basic principals and traditions - that philosophy ceases to exist. John Paul II should resign or be properly declared an Anti-Pope.

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cc: John Paul II

True Ecumenism

by Father Boyd Cathey

Traditional Catholics are often accused of being against "ecumenism", of not wishing to "understand" or "collaborate" with separated brethren. Just what truth is there to such charges, and -more importantly - just what should be our approach to those not of our faith?

Before trying to suggest a possible answer to these questions, it is necessary to recall two principles that must form the basis of our reply. First, Our Lord desires and wishes that "all be one", that there be *one* faith and *one* baptism. However, this one faith should be the faith that Our Lord has given to us. Second, Our Lord has instructed us to love all men, even those opposed to us, who disagree with us, and, yes, even our enemies.

Now, what has been the traditional teaching of the Church regarding ecumenism, "the coming together of religions"? Pope Pius XI clearly explains our position in his encyclical "Mortalium Animos". The only true coming together, the only true ecumenism, is when all come to believe the same faith, the faith Our Lord taught us and that has been taught by His Church since His death and Resurrection. "That all may be one" can only be accomplished *in reality* when all those who do not share the sacramental and spiritual life of the Church return to her. Obviously, this "coming together" in faith is a union based on doctrine; a certain plurality of practices in liturgy and local tradition has always been acceptable, as, for instance, we see in the Eastern rites.

What this means should be evident to all: the Church is a missionary body, and her goal has always been the conversion of those who do not share in her intimate life.

At the same time that the Church teaches that true ecumenism is achieved through acceptance of the same faith, she also insists that her baptized members show genuine love and true charity for those not of the same faith. This love toward our separated brethren, at the same time, is not condescending nor proud. Catholics have an obligation to love those not of our faith because they, too, have been created in the image of God and endowed with souls. God loves all men.

True charity and love does not mean we pretend that differences don't exist - they do, and pretending won't make them go away. But by the same token, there is nothing worse for the understanding of our faith than obnoxious or imperious Catholics whose zeal outweights their wisdom. Our best missionaries are those who LIVE their faith, who are examples of their faith and its holiness.

Times photo by Karen Tam

Father Boyd A. Cathey of Garner

NORTH CAROLINA

By JOE ATKINS
Times staff writer

Each Sunday, Rev. Boyd A. Cathey and about 150 faithful Roman Catholics gather in the meeting room of the Howard Johnson Motel at Crabtree Valley to engage in what they consider an ancient and dignified ritual.

The Vatican considers it "advancing step by step down the road toward the schism" of the Roman Catholic church.

Cathey, a Garner native, conducts the traditional Latin mass — the Tridentine — that was discarded by Pope Paul VI more than 10 years ago.

The old mass is no longer offered in local Roman Catholic churches and is frowned upon by the Vatican.

PROOFS OF A CONSPIRACY
(A Question of Authority: Part II)

By Msgr. Raymond Ruscitto

Although Our Lord assures us that His Church will remain till the end of time and guarantees it would not be overcome by its enemy ("The gates of hell will not prevail against it"), He also indicates that upon His return at the end of the world, Faith would be practically non-existent (Lu. 18, 8), that there would be a remnant Church (Ap. 12, 17), and many dire spectacles would precede the end of time: the enigmatic Beasts of the Apocolypse, the false prophet, the Great Apostasy, the Battle of Armaggedon, and the anti-Christ, the man of sin, who would frightfully persecute His followers. While it is not our purpose here to delve into the details of prophesy, we have evidence enough to see that the final stage of mankind's redemption will not be marked by any smashing success. The important thing to remember is: success will survive defeat. But only "he who perseveres to the end will be saved."

As a diamond can be split by an instrument deftly administered by an expert gemologist, the effort need not be overwhelming. It needs only a firm but precise blow to break "the hardest substance known to man." Can the Church be successfully struck and broken? Externally, yes, but as with most strategies, the surest way is from within. In this consideration, we present from history one such strategy, carefully considered and boldly executed. Was it successful? Who carried out this plan? What *was* the plan?

Permanent Instructions of the Alta Vendita...

The Church has been under attack from the very beginning of its existence. Heresies, persecutions, betrayals, have marked the history of God's Kingdom on earth. In the last century a plan was uncovered which for political reasons sought – not to destroy the Church directly but rather *to subvert the Papacy.* And here's how it worked.

First of all, there was an objective for the 19th century anti-clerical patriots: the political unification of Italy, "the enfranchisement of Italy, from which must come one day the enfranchisement of the entire world."* The problem was: the Pope stood in the way of this totally secular program. Therefore, a way had to be found to cause the capitulation of the Papacy.

Secondly, the anti-clerical conspirators were members of a tightly-knit, secret and powerful organization called the Carbonari (Southern Italy) also linked with its fellow-organization, Continental Masonry (Grand Orient Freemasonry). They worked by secret means at a long-range plan directed by its highest lodge, the *Alta Vendita.*

Thirdly, the plan was to insinuate into the papal chair a man who was not a fellow-conspirator but one who unknowingly would think like these politically-oriented conspirators. Since. they said, they could not get one of their own into the chair of Peter (that had been tried but always failed in the past), they would instead prepare an unwary candidate who would eventually rise to become Pope in the ordinary course of events. But to do so, the plan would have to be so all-embracing, it would need to subvert all possible candidates from the lowest levels of papal eligibility, namely, every cleric. How would this be done? By gaining entry into the chairs over their education.

Such teachers were to be above suspicion and reproach. They needed to be accepted by the virtuous, therefore, they had to appear virtuous. Once accepted and trusted, these teachers then could begin to indoctrinate, slowly but surely, all their pupils according to the new political ideas that needed acceptance for their plan to work: the democratic ideals of the (French) Revolution. As clerics became priests, and priests became bishops, eventually up the line one would become Pope, who, although he was not aware of personal ideas out of step with Catholic ideals, he would be one surrounded by a "climate" of prepared thinking that fitted him to the long-range pattern hoped for by the Italian conspirators. "Now, then, in order to secure to us a Pope in the manner required, it is necessary to fashion for that Pope a generation worthy of the reign of which we dream...." (P. 93. All they required was "the little finger of the Pope," then those who follow him will think they march behind the banner of St. Peter, but they will be marching to "our ideas and following us!"

> Let the clergy march under your banner in the belief always that they march under the banner of the Apostolic Keys. You wish to cause the last vestige of tyranny and of oppression (of Rome) to disappear? Lay your nets like Simon Barjona. Lay them in the depths of sacristies, seminaries, and convents, rather than in the depths of the sea, and if you will precipitate nothing you will give yourself a draught of fishes more miraculous than his. (P. 95.)

How long would this take? "The work which we have undertaken is not the work of a day, nor of a month, nor of a year. It may last many years, a century perhaps, but in our ranks the soldier dies and the fight continues...." (P. 90.)

Thus we see (1) the objective, (2) the organization, (3) the plan of these secret members of a hidden organization, plotting against the Church. "Our final end is that of Voltaire and of the French Revolution, the destruction forever of Catholicism and even of the Christian idea...." (P. 89.) The plan was eventually uncovered. The question is: did it nevertheless succeed? Was this the real scenario of Vatican Council II?

*All quotations are taken from *Grand Orient Freemasonry Unmasked,* by Msgr. George F. Dillon, originally published in 1885 under the title *The War of AntiChrist With the Church,* Dublin.

While the general plan was marked out initially, the specific device was still to be determined. Msgr. Dillon goes on to quote from a letter (1822) by one of the highest-placed conspirators, Picolo Tigre, how the master plan was to be executed. Incredibly (to us), it was through the directed effort of *total corruption* of the Catholic populace. "It is of absolute necessity to de-Catholicise the world." (P. 100.)

> The two bases of social order (Church and State) can fall by corruption. Let us then never cease to corrupt. Tertullian was right in saying that the blood of martyrs was the seed of Christians. Let us, then, not make martyrs, but let us popularize vice amongst the multitudes.... (P. 103.) It is corruption *en masse* that we have undertaken: the corruption of the people by the clergy, and the corruption of the clergy by ourselves; the corruption which ought one day to enable us to put the Church in her tomb. (P. 104.)

Msgr. Dillon comments: "Their first attempt was to cause vice to lose its conventional horror, and to make it free from civil punishment....Then literature was systematically rendered as immoral as possible, and diffused....Railway stations, newspaper stands, book shops, and restaurants, were made to teem with infamous productions....The teaching of the Universities and of all the middle schools of the State, was not only to be rendered Atheistic and hostile to religion, but was actually framed to demoralize the unfortunate alumni at a season of life always but too prone to vice. Finally...a last attempt was to be made upon the virtue of young females under the guise of educating them up to the standard of human progress...Middle and high-class schools were...taken far away from the protecting care of nuns...and always exposed to such influences as would sap, if not destroy, their purity, and, as a sure consequence, their faith." (P. 107 ff.)

The father of such a diabolical program extends his spirit into his children (liar and destroyer as he is) -- who would in his reverse world of "reality" seek the greatest "good" by pursuing the greatest evil -- the corruption of the unsuspecting and the innocent. While this warfare goes on all the time, at different levels of life, the enemy of the Church considers well the target and the means to that objective: *subvert the Papacy by subverting mankind.* Thus, Satan spreads his evil and terror on earth -- through human beings possessed of his spirit. (We safeguard ourselves from this contamination by allowing no evil or error to enter our minds and hearts, which is the very Christ-given program of our Catholic Church -- to teach, sanctify and govern Christ's flock -- to remain faithful to the unchangeable, supernatural teachings and practices of the Church by not allowing them to be adulterated or changed. And *above all,* to put these Gospel teachings of Faith, Hope and Charity into PRACTICE, aided by the true Mass and Sacraments under authentic and faithful Church leaders.)

Now, what are we to do if our leaders are no longer faithful to their God-given offices? We do not judge intent (subversion is most insidious even with the most sincere of leaders). But when it is clear that they are changing doctrine and essential practices based on the true and unchangeable Faith, *we may no longer follow these leaders* themselves led by a "foreign influence," that is, not of the authentic Catholic Faith. We may not know precisely what to do at that point, but one thing is clear: WE KNOW WHAT WE CANNOT DO -- and that is, we cannot abandon the Catholic teachings of the Church under any circumstances, even if our very God-given leaders direct us to do so. We are not free to do so. We have only one sad duty -- to depart from their abuse of authority and continue with what remains for us at lower levels of responsibility till God shows us our way.

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A TRADITIONALIST APPEAL TO CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN AMERICA

We, as true Traditionalists, do not abandon the Church. We pray for it. We support it. We try to bring it back into correct operation. We do not want to fall into the trap, diabolically clever, of substituting *for* the Church a parallel Church with schismatic bishops and rites in order to "save" the Church. If we do that, we end with the very thing we overtly reject -- false authority, this time, however, authority without a mandate.

No, our appeal is to our bishops (and Pope) -- to show what has been done to you by way of a long-range conspiracy (the one presented here is only *one of many*) of an anti-Christ mentality through the centuries to produce a "world in revolution" against Christ and His Church. Do not tell us to go out and embrace this world. It rejects Christ and us. It will have only one thing from us -- our surrender. Do not tell us to lay down our spiritual arms, to substitute the supernatural Gospel with a similar but totally humanitarian one, to "dialogue" with this diabolical enemy. Do not lift the Cross away from us for a glorious "Kingdom on earth for all mankind." Do not serve us substitute illusions for the true realities of our Faith, even though these be sometimes harsh and demanding for our total surrender of self to God Almighty. No, come back to your senses before it is too late -- you are of the critical generation -- newer bishops have a different orientation and "new order of the world" ideas to promote among us. If you do not salvage the Church, fight against false brethren, lead the flock of Christ, though diminished, with your episcopal office intact, then we must protect ourselves from you, wolves in sheep's clothing, hirelings -- betrayers of Christ. Who will one day be your Judge.

Stand firm. Renew your Faith. Be truly Catholic. Follow Our Lord. We await your direction. We will obey your authority. We will serve God together with you, under you, under Him, Who is the source of all authority. We are not revolutionaries nor conspiritors. We are true Catholics, grateful for our Faith, willing to suffer for Christ any sacrifice necessary to remain faithful to Him. But, please, let it not be at your hands. Let us save the Church, under God, together, even if we are only to be a remnant. Together with Christ, we will succeed in restoring the Church against *any* conspiracy of Satan. But let us certainly *not* carry out the pityful cry of Voltaire, "Destroy the infamous thing!" Let us not be the victims of this conspiracy that would subvert the Church. Let us, above all, be not ourselves the enemy of our own Catholic Faith!

IS THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER VACANT OR NOT?

by

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Having a good pope in the Church is a great blessing of God. Having a s eries of good popes in the Church, as it was the case in the 19th century and in the first part of the 20th century, is even a greater blessing of God. However, Christ did not promise good popes for all time to His Church. Divine Providence is free to take away good popes from the Church when the people do not deserve such a blessing.

WHO IS A GOOD POPE AND WHO IS NOT A GOOD POPE?

A good pope is the one who keeps the word of Jesus. A bad pope is the one who does not do it. "If anyone love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our abode with him. He who does not love me, does not keep my words." (Jn. 14, 23-24)

WHAT IS THE WORD OF JESUS TO HIS VICAR?

The same as it was said to St. Peter. The chief duties of the pope are prescribed by Our Lord: "Feed my lambs." "Feed my sheep." (Jn. 21, 15, 17) St. Peter c onveyed the same instruction to the pastors of the faithful: "Feed the flock of God". (I. Pet. 5, 2)

At another occasion Our Lord said to St. Peter: "...when once thou hast turned again, strengthen thy brethren" in the faith. (Lk. 22, 32)

WHEN AND HOW DOES THE POPE FEED THE SHEEP AND LAMBS?

1) By keeping watch over the purity of faith.

2) By condemning errors.

3) By conveying the unfalsified faith to future generations.

4) By giving good bishops and priests to the faithful.

5) By giving them the immemorial Sacrifice of the Mass.

6) By giving them the true Sacraments, and through these Sacraments all the graces which are necessary for one's sanctification.

If therefore, anyone should want to form an intelligent judgment upon the controversy which today surrounds the person of the Pope, let him face the following questions, and try to give them truthful answers.

1) The heresy of Modernism is all over in the Church. Does this mean that John Paul II (JP2) is watching over the purity of faith?

2)Has JP2 any time condemned the errors of Modernism and Communism, as his predecssors did?

3) JP2 is well aware of the right of the faithful to receive the Catholic doctrine unfalsified, unmutilated. (Catechesi Tradendae, §30. - 1979) Did he restore the sound Catholic teaching in the schools? Did he restore to its right place the Catechism of TRENT, or the Baltimore Catechism which is based upon the former?

Maybe, Archbishop Lefebvre can help you answer this question. In November 1981, he said in Melbourne, Australia that the introduction of the new Catechism was evidence of a new faith, and would result in the protestantization of the Catholic people.

4) Does JP2 provide the faithful with good bishops? Can you find among his appointees one single traditionalist bishop who is not infested with the Modernist heresy?

5) Does JP2 provide the faithful with the immemorial Sacrifice of the Mass, as Pope St. Pius V ordered it to be said forever in the Church?

6) In view of the many changes which render the new Sacramental Rites to become of doubtful validity, can we say that JP2 provides the faithful with the true Sacraments?

Let Archbishop Lefebvre testify again to this matter. At Lille, France, on Aug. 29, 1976, he said: "The union desired by these Liberal Catholics, a union between the Church and the Revolution and subversion is for the Church, an adulterous union, and that adulterous union can only produce bastards. And who are those bastards? They are our rites; the rite of the Mass is a bastard rite, the Sacraments are bastard Sacraments... We no longer know if they are Sacraments which give grace, or do not give grace. We no longer know if this Mass gives the Body or Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, or if it does not give them. The priests coming out of the seminaries do not themselves know what they are." (Purging the Priesthood in the Conciliar Church, - by Rev. William Jenkins)

Can you answer in honesty any of the above questions with a definite "YES"? If you cannot (as I cannot),then, can you say that JP2 is faithfully complying with the mandate of Our Lord: "Feed my lambs"?

In view of this, would you disagree with Archbishop Lefebvre who said: A pope who does not convey the Tradition to the faithful "is no longer the successor of St. Peter"? (Apologia for Marcel Lefebvre, by MIchael Davies, pg. 286.

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- Emphasis mine.) This statement surely reserved a prominent place for Archbishop Lefebvre among the "Sede-Vacantists".

Furthermore, can you disagree with ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE who said: "...if anyone does not take care of his own, and especially of his household, he denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever"? (I. Tim. 5, 8)

Some people, even priests of good will, say that it is unthinkable that God would take away the pope from the Church for a considerable time Their argument goes like this: "Christ promised that he would be with the Church all the time until the end of the world. If there is no pope, then, Christ did not keep His promise".

You can easily discover the error in this seemingly simple syllogism. The error lies in equating Christ with the pope. In fact, Christ is always with the Church, but it is not necessarily so with the pope. If a certain generation is not deserving a good pope, Christ - as punishment - can take him away for a while. And who can claim that this adulterous, pleasure-seeking, baby-killer generation is deserving a good pope?

Furthermore, I am asking: Which is greater in the divine order of salvation: the immemorial Sacrifice of the Mass, or the pope? It is self-evident that the Divine Sacrifice is greater. It is the source of our redemption and salvation. The pope is only the servant of this divine "Mystery of Faith".

Now, if Divine Providence has allowed that the immemorial Sacrifice of the Mass was to be stolen from hundreds of millions of Catholics, and has been substituted with a Protestant prayer-service, how can you exclude the possibility that, instead of a true pope, the Conciliar Church will be governed by somebody who "denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever"?

This conclusion will also answer the acute question of our days:

IS THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER VACANT OR NOT?

Physically it is NOT vacant. It is occupied."Occupied by the enemy" - as Archbishop Lefebvre said on several occasions.

But morally?

I answer this question with another question:

Is anybody in the Vatican today who really feeds the sheep and lambs according to the mandate of Christ?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

March 12, 1983

Father Jones:

One of my parishioners today gave me a copy of the December, 1982, issue of SANGRE DE CRISTO NEWSNOTES and drew my attention to the article on p. 10 by Rev. J. Vida Elmer about "Who Was the First 'Sedevacantist' Bishop?"

Following in the path of so many others who have tried to sling mud at Archbishop Lefebvre, the author of this article (whoever he is) attempts to have us believe that the Archbishop stated that "A pope who does not convey tradition to the faithful 'is no longer the successor of Saint Peter.' " The reference for this is given as Michael Davies' "Apologia For (sic) Marcel Lefebvre, p. 286.

"Father Elmer" should do his homework more carefully. The title of the book has the word Pro, not For.

But that is minor compared with his blunder of quoting only part of the relevant paragraph from this book, leaving out the previous sentence, and the first half of the sentence in question.

I quote these two sentences in full: "It is not the person, it is not Msgr. Montini: we regard him as the successor of Peter, and as successor of Peter he should pass on to us the faith of his predecessors. In so far as he does not pass on the faith of his predecessors he is no longer the successor of Peter." The next sentence clarifies what he is saying: "He becomes a person separated from his duty, denying his duty, not doing his duty."

From these three sentences, it is obvious that yourauthor has quoted one clause totally out of context, to fit a preconceived idea of what the Archbishop was actually saying. The Archbishop is telling the pope, not that he has lost the papacy, but that he is failing to act as a pope should.

Since "Father Elmer" makes this distortion the major premise of his syllogism, it goes without saying that the entire "thought" process falls flat.

This style of quoting out of context is something I expect to find in the secular press and in the "Catholic" press, but it is hardly acceptable in a publication that claims to be a reliable source of information for traditional Catholics. I realize that Archbishop Lefebvre has stirred up a great deal of jealousy among some traditional and pseudo-traditional priests; but when jealousy leads to intellectual dishonesty, the people involved ought to take another look at their motives.

It is possible, of course, that "Father Elmer" is simply incapable of writing or reasoning cogently. But in any case the moral principles regarding calumny and slander are still in effect, most especially in the case of priests claiming to be leaders of traditional Catholics.

Sincerely,
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AVE MARIA!

3-23-83

Dear Father Post,

I appreciate your taking time to write. I will pass your remarks on to Father Elmer. If you were getting my newsletter regularly you would know that Father Elmer is indeed capable of writing and reasoning cogently. In the case in point I don't think he *unduly* quoted out of context. I am finding more and more that it is Archbishop Lefebvre who fails to reason cogently. I don't condemn you for your views, but apparently we differ in our opinions about Paul VI, the Novus Ordo, the New Church, etc. We no doubt *agree* on most things.

God bless you!
Father Daniel E. Jones

Priest may sue diocese

By JAMES E. WALTERS
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX—A Roman Catholic priest who says he has been reading Mass in Latin in defiance of church law says he is asking the Vatican for permission to sue any Phoenix Diocense officials who try to block the services.

"I asked permission to sue any layman, priest or even the bishop who attempts to keep me from saying the same Mass I said when I was ordained," the Rev. Francis LeBlanc, a priest since 1933, told the Associated Press. "They're not going to walk on Christ any longer," he said.

LeBlanc said a civil suit—based on his rights under the U.S. constitution—would be filed May 1 unless he received a reply before then.

FATHER LEBLANC, 58, and three other elderly, semi-retired priests began saying the traditional, or Latin Mass—prohibited since Vatican II in the 1960s—last summer in suburban Sun City, a retirement community. "We started in June with 18 or 20 in attendance and now there are more than 100 every Sunday," he said.

LeBlanc said he was telling this story to the owner of a large cemetery-funeral chapel in Scottsdale, another Phoenix suburb, in February and was advised he was welcome to use the chapel on Sunday afternoons.

"Then four weeks ago I received a call from Mr. (Bill) Hawkins, the owner of Green Acres, saying that there were four Catholic churches in Scottsdale and he had been receiving calls that they wouldn't use the mortuary any more if he continued to allow us to meet there," LeBlanc said. "He said he had about 150 Catholic funerals a year."

HE SAID he assured the mortuary owner they appreciated what he had done and would halt the Latin Mass in the chapel.

LeBlanc said he had copies of a Feb. 27 circular to parishoners from the Rev. A. L. Siegman, pastor of one of the Scottsdale churches, saying that the Mass at Green Acres was being held without the permission of Bishop Thomas O'Brien and that Catholics should not attend because to do so would be to support something which is against the teachings of the church.

Attemps by the Associated Press to reach Hawkins, Father Siegman and the bishop for comment were unsuccessful.

LEBLANC SAID he had sent a letter to 200 priests in this country who continue to say the traditional Mass, explaining his position.

He said he sought permission to file the suit, under Canon 120 of the Code of Canon Law, in a letter to the apostolic delegate in Washington, D.C., which he asked to be forwarded to the Vatican. "If we lose here, we'll appeal all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary."

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Millions of birds desert Pacific atoll

By WARREN E. LEARY
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON—Unusual weather may have caused millions of birds to stage an unprecedented mass exodus from Christmas Island, leaving their young to die in nests on the Pacific atoll, scientists say.

Virtually the entire adult population of sea birds on Christmas Island mysteriously disappeared last year, leaving thousands of chicks behind to starve to death, scientists report.

Researchers suspect that weather changes may have caused the birds to abandon the island, the first such massive disappearance of an entire bird population ever recorded on a tropical atoll.

DR. RALPH Schreiber, curator of ornithology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County in California, said about 17 million birds representing 18 species either abandoned the island or perished.

The sudden departure, which occurred between Schreiber's visits to the island last June and November, was particularly devastating for the thousands of nestlings.

Some bird species will lose at least an entire generation because of the disruption, Schreiber said.

"WHAT HAS happened there was a real shock and a catastrophe when put in the context of the breeding biology of these species," he said.

The disappearance occurred during an unusual weather phenomenon known as El Nino, which results in a change in Pacific wind patterns, ocean currents and water temperatures.

This weather, which has resulted in an unusual winter in many parts of the world, is responsible for shifts in fish populations and changes in the habits of animals depending upon these fish, ne said.

SCHREIBER said in a telephone interview that many of the birds may be living in the air above more distant waters, waiting for the weather to change before returning to Christmas Island.

The birds, which feed exclusively on fish and squid, spend most of their lives in the air, floating on air currents and swooping down occasionally to feed, he said.

Schreiber has just been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to return to Christmas Island next month for further studies.

The bumble bee and the doorbell got married and gave birth to a humdinger.

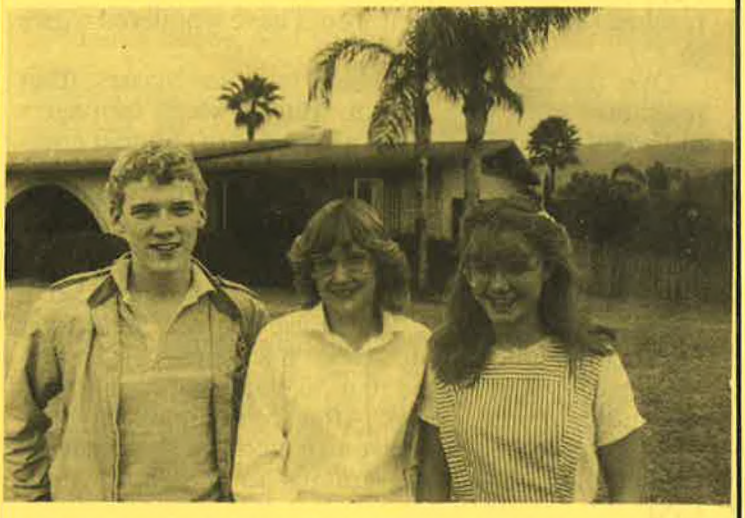
Bill Humble, who has the highest operating mine in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, bought this snow cat from a ski area to get an early start to his Cloverdale Mine. On Holy Saturday Rev. Craig Lewis, Bernadette Engel and your editor gave it a trial run over 6 feet of snow drifts (Craig says they were 15 feet where he was driving) up nearly to Rainbow Lake.

Your editor's newly painted 1973 Chevy Impala, whose speedometer registers over 73,000 miles on the third time around, traversed snow-covered Monarch Pass several times this past winter and spring.

Jean Davis (your editor's sister) and baby Rosemarie enjoying the warm water in the partially enclosed Mt. Princeton swimming pool (northwest of Salida, Colorado).

Jack Harrington has been busy this spring painting and helping remodel your editor's home. The first real spring cleaning it has had in over 10 years.

Your editor with his parents, Vivian and Eddie Jones, at their Sun City, Arizona home in January of this year.



Part of the Kuplack gang in Phoenix, Arizona: Joel, Joan and Melissa.

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April 14, 1983

Dear Father Jones,

I wanted to tell you that Jim Taylor was glad to read the pages your group published about him. We appreciate the publicity very much. I would like to ask a favor. Could you please run a few lines stating that Jim Taylor's latest book PEARL HARBOR II, is available for $15. Just ask the readers to send a check to me at this address: Mideast Distributor, P.O. Box 27021, Sunny Slope Station, 1121 East 47th Street, Kansas City, MO 64110.

Sincerely,
Sal Linniti
(Press Representative)

Editor's note: Mr. Taylor's new book deals with the true story of the sneak attack by Israel on the unarmed U.S.S. Liberty, June 8, 1967. Very revealing of behind the scene ties between Washington and Israel.

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April 25, 1983

Dear Reverend Father Jones,

For the first time in twenty years, we are very, very happy to address a priest as Reverend Father.

It is impossible to express how much spiritual happiness you and your Newsnote number 35 brought to us. We saw your advertisement in the Duck Book Digest.

We have felt lost and alone all these 20 years. My husband is a cradle Catholic who received an exceptional Catholic education and understands totally what he has been deprived of. I am a convert who feels that the Church I was instructed in is non-existent today.

Eberhard Heller reached the conclusion that the Pope is functioning illicitly which we had not quite reached (and if reaching it would have wondered where to go).

Over the years, we have been to guitar Masses, (that resembled night club acts) to Masses where teen-agers did a ballet dance in lieu of a sermon, to children enacting the Christmas story with Joseph pulling Mary in a red wagon through the church, to children enacting "The Littlest Angel" (a fictional story) for the Christmas Eve Mass, both in lieu of a sermon.

Christmas Eve, 1982, in Virginia, we attended a children's Mass where the priest did not administer Holy Communion at all. About 6-8 couples broke into small pieces what looked to us like oatmeal cookies and administered both species. After Communion, my husband watched one of the women who had administered Communion, brush the crumbs to the floor. Poor God!

My husband, thinking all Catholics of 35 or more years would welcome your news, was heartbroken when his sister, a Franciscan nun in Pennsylvania, resisted almost hysterically, then we tried our daughter whose attitude semed to be: - If it pleased the old folks, she would be happy for us. Nevertheless, on a separate sheet of paper, we will order sample number 35 for each of them, plus our own subscription.

Additionally, we would like to mention that on Sunday, April 17, 1983, our daughter was slightly indisposed with a mild virus and did not go to Mass. The priest sent Holy Communion home to her by her husband! She was very pleased - we were totally horrified.

We have read and re-read the articles by Eberhard Heller (thank God someone has looked out for the rest of us), Rev. J. Vida Elmer and the letter from Dr. P.F. Mathias with fervor. The articles by or about Jim Taylor added confirmation to my husband's thinking about Israeli.

Tom and I are in our 60's and our children (1 girl and 3 boys) are 35, 31, 27, and 25.

Simpsonville, S.C., is close to Columbia, S.C.; Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, N.C.; and Asheville, N.C. If you know of any chapel using the Tridentine Latin Mass in our area, (or even a 3 day week-end trip away) please let us know the name and location.

We truly feel deprived and desperate.

Sincerely,
Doris Ann Wilson
(Mrs. T.J. Wilson, Jr.)

Trout-filled reservoir on the Continental Divide west of Salida, Colorado on the north fork of the south branch of the Arkansas River.

The rugged South Colony Lake and Crestone Needle region of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.